1	2	3	4
5.	State Bank of Mysore	102	256
6.	State Bank of Patiala	0	67
7.	State Bank of Saurashtra	1	702
8.	State Bank of Travancore	845	176
9.	Allahabad Bank	1041	1023
10.	Andhra Bank	0	38
11.	Bank of Baroda	1310	3202
12.	Bank of India	2307	6685
13.	Bank of Maharashtra	2303	651
14.	Canara Bank	2887	*689
15.	Central Bank of India	4582	4429
16.	Corporation Bank	347	127
17.	Dena Bank	654	5487
18.	Indian Bank	0	1097
19.	Indian Overseas Bank	1992	514
20.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	750	292
21.	Punjab National Bank	2423	7303
22.	Punjab & Sind Bank	1259	251
23.	Syndicate Bank	1515	726
24.	Union Bank of India	8190	815
25.	United Bank of India	2057	0
26.	UCO Bank	2664	1723
27.	Vijaya Bank	1288	149

Pending applications for Nidhi companies

1308. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many applications are pending for more than three years for approval under Section 620A of the Companies Act;

(b) if so, how many such cases are pending;

(c) what steps are being taken to clear the backlog; and

(d) what are the reasons for this delay and by when the cases are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 135 such applications are pending with the Department of Company Affairs.

(c) and (d) Nidhi companies required improved regulatory framework to strengthen their functioning and also to instil confidence in the minds of the investors. Hence, a Committee of Experts was established on 23.3.2000 to suggest suitable changes. This Committee submitted its Report In September 2000 and thereafter necessary changes were notified in July 2001. The Notifications prescribing the supervisory framework and prudential norms, on the pattern of Non-Banking Financial Companies, were later revised in April, 2002 at the instance of Chamber of Nidhis and Federation of Benefit Funds. The processing of pending applications has been taken up in the light of the these revised Notifications.

Income Tax payers in the country

1309. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be phased to state:

(a) the total number of tax payers in the category of salaried class/ professionals/private Ltd. companies/public Ltd. enterprises including banks and financial institutions in the country;

(b) what is the total tax collected from them, category-wise:

(c) what are the tax arrears from these tax payers; and

(d) what steps are being taken to recover the arrears of tax dues from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Statistics showing status-wise break up of tax payers, their tax arrears and total tax collected from them category wise is not maintained. However, the following figures are available:—